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**TO AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL N. EDELMAN IN
SUPPORT OF ADVANCEME, INC.'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO AMEND INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS**

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<p>I. A method for automated payment, comprising:</p>	<p>Little & Co. ("Little") utilized a method for automated payments to Little as repayment of obligations owed by merchants arising out of Little's advance of cash either for postage costs to merchants, or cash advances. See, e.g., Little & Co. Member Agreement, LI 00017-29 (hereafter "Member Agreement"); see, e.g., Demand Promissory Note for Postage Advances between Museum Publications of America and Little & Co., dated September 27, 1993, LI 00033-35 (hereafter "Promissory Note"); see, e.g., February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy, LI 00030-31; see M. Kripalani, T. Pouschine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v. 149, n12, p120(2), LI 00001-03 (hereafter "Forbes Article"); See Promissory Note for Postage Advances between Exposures, Inc. and Little & Co., dated June 22, 1990 ("Promissory Note").</p>
<p>at a merchant, accepting a customer identifier as payment from the customer,</p>	<p>The merchant, either directly or via its agent, accepted credit cards as would accept a customer identifier from customers for, e.g., a card, as payment from the customer. See Forbes Article (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment). Member Agreement, LI 00017-29.</p> <p>"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby," Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p> <p>"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.</p>
	<p>"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.</p>

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and electronically forwarding information related to the payment to a computerized merchant processor;

"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id.
 "T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.

The merchant, either directly or via its agent, electronically forwarded information related to the payment electronically to Little, the computerized merchant processor. (See also *Forbes Article* (referring to Little as the "credit card processor").

"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and

WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby." Member Agreement at LI 00018 (showing that the merchant electronically forwarded information related to the payment to Little, a computerized merchant processor).

"SALES RECORD means all documents or data presented to LITTLE as evidence of a CARD SALE." Id. at LI 00019 (showing that the merchant electronically accepts the customer identifier).

"c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDERS's signature that the sale was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). . . ." Id. at LI 00019 (showing that the merchant electronically forwarded information related to the payment to Little, a computerized merchant processor).

"SALES RECORD means all documents or data presented to LITTLE as evidence of a CARD SALE." Id. at LI 00019.

"Little & Co. continues to be your credit card processor and will continue to work directly with you to provide a high level of customer and technical service." February 28, 1992 letter from Tim Little to Robert George, LI 00016.

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Little acted as the computerized merchant processor, see *Forbes Article* (referring to Little as

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acquiring the information related to the payment from the merchant, authorizing and settling the payment, and forwarding at least a portion of the payment to a computerized payment receiver as payment of at least a portion of an obligation made by the merchant;

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the "credit card processor"), and language of the patent makes clear that merchant processors acquire payment information and authorize and settle the payment. "Little & Co. continues to be your credit card processor and will continue to work directly with you to provide a high level of customer and technical service." February 28, 1992 letter from Tim Little to Robert George, LI 00016.

"Little agreed to finance [Exposures] postage by discounting his [Exposures] credit card receivables." See Forbes Article (showing that a portion of the payment from credit card companies was forwarded as payment on Exposures' obligation to Little, as a computerized payment receiver, for financing postage costs, with the remainder, the discounted credit card receivables, being forwarded to Exposures).

"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS . . . " Member Agreement at LI 00018.

"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] Museum Publications of America] to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10% . . . management fee to Little & Co. or order. MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS." See Promissory Note (showing that a portion of payments ("Net Proceeds") are forwarded to Little, as a computerized payment receiver, in satisfaction of the obligation that arose when Little advance postage costs ("Principal Amount of Advance") to merchant). . . .

Promissory Note at LI 00033 (showing that a portion of the card payments were forwarded to Little, as a computerized payment receiver, as payment of at least a portion of an obligation that arose when Little advanced postage costs ("Principal Amount of Advance") to merchant).
"NET PROCEEDS is an amount equal to: The GROSS PROCEEDS, Less LITTLE FEES, Less RELEASED CHARGEBACKS (if no RESERVE exists), Less any other amounts due from MEMBER to LITTLE, Less any PREPAYMENTS."

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	<p>Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p> <p>"Little agreed to finance [Exposures, Inc.'s ("Exposures")] postage by discounting his [Exposures'] credit card receivables." See Forbes Article at LI 00003 (describing how a portion of the payment from credit card companies was forwarded as payment on Exposures' obligation to Little, as a computerized payment receiver, for financing postage costs, with the remainder, the discounted credit card receivables, being forwarded to Exposures).</p> <p>"As security for the obligations of Boston Publishing (the Borrower) under such financing agreements, Hanover Finance is being granted a security interest in our inventory, certain accounts and substantially all of the tangible and intangible personal property of Boston Publishing, including, without limitation, all rights of the Borrower to receive payments in respect of Card Sales from Little & Co. . . . 1. Upon written instruction from Hanover Finance or assignees of Hanover Finance, designated in writing by Hanover Finance, without further action by Boston Publishing, you will make all payments of Net Proceeds or any other credits, reserves, deposits, balances, refunds or other amounts now or hereafter due to Boston Publishing under the Member Agreement in respect of Card Sales directly by wire transfer, to such account or accounts as Hanover Finance may designate in writing (the "Accounts")." February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy at LI 00030-31</p> <p>(showing that Little forwarded a portion of the payment to the loan payment receiver, e.g., Hanover Finance, as payment of at least a portion of an obligation made by the merchant, e.g., Boston Publishing).</p>
<p>and at the computerized payment receiver, receiving the portion of the payment forwarded by the computerized merchant processor and applying that portion to the outstanding obligation made by the merchant to reduce such obligation.</p>	<p>"Little agreed to finance his [Exposures'] postage by discounting his [Exposures'] credit card receivables." See Forbes Article (showing that a portion of the payment from credit card companies was diverted by the merchant processor as payment on Exposures' obligation to Little for financing postage costs). "In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] Museum Publications of America to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10%--management fee to Little & Co. or order. MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS. . . ." See</p>

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	<p>Promissory Note at LI 00033 (showing that a portion of payments ("Net Proceeds") are the payment is received by Little as repayment of an obligation that arose when Little advanced postage costs ("Principal Amount of Advance") to merchant; see Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (showing that Little received and applied the forwarded portion of the payment to Museum Publication of America's outstanding obligation to Little).</p> <p>"NET PROCEEDS is an amount equal to: The GROSS PROCEEDS, Less LITTLE FEES, Less RELEASED CHARGEBACKS (if no RESERVE exists), Less any other amounts due from MEMBER to LITTLE, Less any PREPAYMENTS."</p> <p>Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p>
<p>2. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises accepting a credit card number as the customer identifier.</p>	<p>The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Poushine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v. 149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment). "WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing, and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby." Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p> <p>"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.</p> <p>"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.</p> <p>"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id.</p> <p>"T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by</p>

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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises accepting a debit card number as the customer identifier.

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American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at L1 00019.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply mechanisms and methods in use for one type of customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g. for debit cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including debit cards. The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Pouschine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment).

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises accepting a smart card number as the customer identifier.

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It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply mechanisms and methods in use for one type of customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g. for smart cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including smart cards. The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Poushine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment).

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Member Agreement at LI 00018.

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<p>5. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises accepting a charge card number as the customer identifier.</p>	<p>It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply mechanisms and methods in use for one type of customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g. for charge cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including charge cards. The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Poushine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment). "WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper-based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby." Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p> <p>"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.</p> <p>"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.</p>

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	<p>"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id.</p> <p>"T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.</p>
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises accepting the customer identifier at a merchant location.	<p>On information and belief, customer identifiers were accepted at a the location of a merchant merchant's agent "c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDER's signature that the sale was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). ... " Member Agreement at LI 00019.</p>
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the accepting step comprises electronically accepting the customer identifier.	<p>On information and belief, customer identifiers were accepted electronically. "c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDER's signature that the sale was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). ... " Member Agreement at LI 00019.</p> <p>"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS " Member Agreement at LI 00018 (showing that the merchant electronically accepts the customer identifier).</p> <p>"SALES RECORD means all documents or data presented to LITTLE as evidence of a CARD SALE." Id. at LI 00019 (showing that the merchant electronically accepts the customer identifier).</p>
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the steps performed at the merchant processor further comprise accumulating the payments until a predetermined amount is reached and then forwarding at least a portion of the accumulated payments to the payment receiver.	<p>"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10% ... Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] agrees that ... Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS." See Promissory Note (showing that payments were forwarded on a periodic basis). Little would accumulate the payments until a predetermined amount was reached and then forward at least a portion of the accumulated payments to the payment receiver. See, e.g., Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (outlining specified daily and weekly payment amount).⁴</p>

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<p>9. The method of claim 1 wherein the steps performed at the merchant processor comprise periodically forwarding at least a portion of the payment to the payment receiver.</p>	<p>Litle would periodically forward at least a portion of the payment to the payment receiver. See, e.g., Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (outlining daily and weekly payment schedules). "In consideration of Litle & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] Museum Publications of America] to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10%... management fee to Litle & Co., or order. MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Litle & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS. . . ." See Promissory Note at LI 00033 (showing that payments were periodically forwarded on a periodic basis). [FN/1] [FN/1] At this pre-claim construction stage of the action, Defendant takes no position as to the appropriateness of the claim construction applied in AdvanceMe's Preliminary Infringement Contentions for Defendants ("Infringement Contentions") but note that under the approach in the Infringement Contentions, which equates periodic forwarding with accumulation to a pre-determined amount, the Litle method anticipates this claim. 1.</p>
<p>10. A system for automated payment of an obligation made by a merchant, comprising:</p>	<p>Litle utilized a system for automated payments to Litle as repayment of obligations owed by merchants either for postage or cash advances. See Member Agreement, Promissory Note and February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy; Forbes Article.</p>
<p>at a merchant; means for accepting a customer identifier as payment from the customer and</p>	<p>The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment and means for accepting a customer identifier as payment existed, including, on information and belief, a merchant terminal or point of sale device. See M. Kirpalani, T. Pouschine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v. 149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment). "Litle agreed to finance [Exposures'] postage by disallowing his [Exposures'] credit card receivables." See Forbes Article (showing implicitly that means exist in the Litle system for</p>

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<p>at a merchant,</p> <p>means for accepting a customer identifier as payment from the customer and for electronically forwarding information related to the payment to a computerized merchant processor,</p> <p>wherein the merchant associated with the payment has an outstanding obligation to a third party;</p> <p>and at the computerized merchant processor, means for receiving the information related to the payment from the merchant, means for authorizing and settling the payment;</p> <p>and means for forwarding a portion of the payment to the third party to reduce the obligation.</p>	<p>electronically forwarding a portion of the payment from credit card companies to Little, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software);</p> <p>"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10%" See Promissory Note (showing obligation from the merchant to Little);</p> <p>"Little agreed to finance his [Exposures] postage by discounting his [Exposures] credit card receivables." See Forbes Article (showing implicitly that means exist in the Little system for Little, as the merchant processor, to receive the payment information The merchant, either directly or via its agent, would accept a customer identifier as payment from the customer.</p> <p>Means for accepting a customer identifier as payment existed, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software) magnetic card reader, keyboard input and/or telephone.</p> <p>The language of the patent makes clear that merchant processors acquire payment information and authorize and settle the payment. On information and belief, the means for performing this function is a computer running appropriate software.</p> <p>"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10% Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] agrees that . . . Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS."</p> <p>"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby "</p> <p>Member Agreement at LI 00018 (showing that the merchant maintained a magnetic card</p>
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reader and/or keyboard input and/or telephone for accepting a customer identifier and electronically forwarded information related to the payment to Little, a computerized merchant processor).

See Promissory Note (showing that means exist for forwarding a portion of payments ("Net Proceeds") to Little as repayment of obligation that arose when Little advanced postage costs ("Principal Amount of Advance") to merchant, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software). "c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDER's signature that the sale was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for

sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). . . . " Id. at LI 00019 (showing that the merchant maintained a magnetic card reader and/or keyboard input and/or telephone for accepting a customer identifier and electronically forwarded information related to the payment to Little, a computerized merchant processor).

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	be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS. . . .”
	Promissory Note at LI 00033 (showing that Little acted as the merchant processor and that the merchant had an outstanding obligation that arose when Little advanced postage costs (“Principal Amount of Advance”) to merchant). “As security for the obligations of Boston Publishing (the Borrower) under such financing agreements, Hanover Finance is being granted a security interest in our inventory, certain accounts and substantially all of the tangible and intangible personal property of Boston Publishing, including, without limitation, all rights of the Borrower to receive payments in respect of Card Sales from Little & Co. . . . 1. Upon written instruction from Hanover Finance or assignees of Hanover Finance, designated in writing by Hanover Finance, without further action by Boston Publishing, you will make all payments of Net Proceeds or any other credits, reserves, deposits, balances, refunds or other amounts now or hereafter due to Boston Publishing under the Member Agreement in respect of Card Sales directly by wire transfer, to such account or accounts as Hanover Finance may designate in writing (the “Accounts”).”
	February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy at LI 00030-31 (showing that the merchant, e.g., Boston Publishing, had an outstanding obligation to a third party, e.g., Hanover Finance).
	The language of the patent makes clear that a merchant processor acquires payment information and authorizes and settles the payment. On information and belief, the means for performing these functions and for forwarding a portion of the payment to the third party to reduce the obligation is a modem and computer running appropriate software.
	“Little & Co. continues to be your credit card processor and will continue to work directly with you to provide a high level of customer and technical service.” February 28, 1992 letter from Tim Little to Robert George at LI 00016.
	“WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and
and means for forwarding a portion of the payment to the third party to reduce the obligation.	and WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER’s customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBI the SALES
and at the computerized merchant processor, means for receiving the information related to the payment from the merchant, means for authorizing and settling the payment.	

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RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby.”
 Member Agreement at LI 00018.

“In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Museum Publications of America] to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus management fee to Little & Co., or order. MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand.

MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS. . . .” Promissory Note at LI 00033 and Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (showing that a portion of card payments are forwarded to Little, as a computerized payment receiver, to reduce the obligation that arose when Little advanced postage costs (“Principal Amount of Advance”) to merchant).

“NET PROCEEDS is an amount equal to: The GROSS PROCEEDS, Less LITTLE FEES, Less RELEASED CHARGEBACKS (if no RESERVE exists), Less any other amounts due from MEMBER to LITTLE, Less any PREPAYMENTS.” Member Agreement at LI 00018.

“As security for the obligations of Boston Publishing (the Borrower) under such financing agreements, Hanover Finance is being granted a security interest in our inventory, certain accounts and substantially all of the tangible and intangible personal property of Boston Publishing, including, without limitation, all rights of the Borrower to receive payments in respect of Card Sales from Little & Co. . . . 1 Upon written instruction from Hanover Finance or assignees of Hanover Finance, designated in writing by Hanover Finance, without further action by Boston Publishing, you will make all payments of Net Proceeds or any other credits, reserves, deposits, balances, refunds or other amounts now or hereafter due to Boston Publishing under the Member Agreement in respect of Card Sales directly by wire transfer, to such account or accounts as Hanover Finance may designate in writing (the “Accounts”).” February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy at LI 00030-31 (showing that Little could forward a portion of the payment to the loan payment receiver, e.g., Hanover Finance, to reduce the merchant’s, e.g., Boston Publishing, obligation).

11. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for accepting a credit card number as the customer identifier.

The merchant, Expenses, Inc., e.g., Museum Publications of America, accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Poushine, “People thought I was nuts”, FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter “Forbes Article”) (referring to

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	<p>Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment and that means Means for accepting a credit card exist; including number as the customer identifier included, on information and belief, a terminal; computer, or other point of sale device); magnetic card reader, keyboard input and/or telephone.</p> <p>"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby." Member Agreement at LI 00018.</p> <p>"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.</p> <p>"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.</p> <p>"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id.</p> <p>"T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.</p>
12. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for accepting a debit card number as the customer identifier.	<p>It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply systems and means in use for one type of customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g. for debit cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to</p>

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make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including debit cards. Debit card numbers may be accepted, for example, using the merchant's terminal or computer input/magnetic card reader, keyboard input and/or telephone. The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Pousehine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment and that means for accepting a credit card exist, including, on information and belief, a terminal, computer, or other point of sale device).

"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and

WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby," Member Agreement at LI 00018.

"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id. "BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.

"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id. "T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.

13. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for accepting a smart card number as

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply systems and means in use for one type of

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customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g. for smart cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including smart cards. Smart card numbers may be accepted, for example, using the merchant's terminal or computer input, magnetic card reader, keyboard input and/or telephone.

"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and

WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby."

Member Agreement at LI 00018.

"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.

"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id.

"CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id.

The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Pouschine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v.149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment and that means for accepting a credit card exist, including, on information and belief, a terminal, computer, or other point of sale device). "T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and

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14. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for accepting a charge card number as the customer identifier.

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including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention of Plaintiff's asserted claims to apply systems and means in use for one type of customer identifier to another type of customer identifier, e.g., for charge cards as well as credit cards. And the statements by the alleged inventor and by the examiner, and the language of the patent itself makes clear that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make the method or system work in the same way for any customer identifier, including charge cards. Charge card numbers may be accepted, for example, using the merchant's terminal or computer input. The merchant, Exposures, Inc., accepted credit The merchant, e.g., Museum Publications of America, accepted charge cards from customers for payment. See M. Kripalani, T. Poushine, "People thought I was nuts", FORBES, June 8, 1992, v. 149, n12, p120(2) (hereafter "Forbes Article") (referring to Exposures' "credit card processor" and "credit card receivables", showing that credit cards were received as payment and that means for accepting a credit card exist, including Means for accepting a charge card number as the customer identifier included, on information and belief, a terminal, computer or other point of sale device); magnetic card reader, keyboard input and/or telephone.

"WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS, and

WHEREAS, MEMBER desires to honor CHARGE CARDS in connection with the retail sale of PRODUCTS to MEMBER's customers, to submit SALES RECORDS and REFUNDS representing such transactions to LITTLE for processing and to sell to FNBL the SALES RECORDS generated with BANK CARDS and the indebtednesses represented thereby." Member Agreement at LI 00018.

"CHARGE CARD is the plastic BANK CARD or T&E CARD issued by a CARD ORGANIZATION to the CARDHOLDER and the charge account number designated on the card, either of which MEMBER accepts from customers as payment for their purchases from MEMBER." Id.

"BANK CARD means a valid and unexpired CHARGE CARD issued by an ISSUING MEMBER of MCI or VISA which contains the MasterCard service mark or Visa's Blue, White and Gold Bands Design service mark. A BANK CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed

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	thereon." Id. "CARD ORGANIZATION is VISA, MCI or the issuer of a T&E CARD." Id. "T&E CARD is a valid and unexpired Travel and Entertainment CHARGE CARD issued by American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club or Discover. A T&E CARD shall be deemed valid on and after the effective date, if shown, and through and including the expiration date embossed thereon." Id. at LI 00019.
15. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for accepting the customer identifier at a merchant location.	On information and belief, means for accepting the customer identifiers existed at a location of a merchant or merchant's agent, including, on information and belief, a terminal, computer or other point of magnetic card reader. keyboard input and/or telephone. "c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDERS's signature that the sale device was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). . . ." Member Agreement at LI 00019.
16. The system of claim 10 wherein the accepting means comprises means for electronically accepting the customer identifier.	On information and belief, means for a merchant's electronically accepting a customer identifiers electronically existed in the Little system, including, on information and belief, a terminal, computer or other electronic point of sale device, magnetic card reader, keyboard and/or telephone. "c. MEMBER shall complete each SALES RECORD to include a notation in the space provided for the CARDHOLDERS's signature that the sale was initiated by mail order (MO), telephone order (TO) or pre-authorized order (PO) (except for sales made in person, for which the CARDHOLDER's signature shall be obtained). . . ." Member Agreement at LI 00019. "WHEREAS, LITTLE and NPC are engaged in the business of processing paper based and electronic data representing transactions conducted through the use of CHARGE CARDS" Member Agreement at LI 00018 (showing that the merchant electronically accepts the customer identifier). "SALES RECORD means all documents or data presented to LITTLE as evidence of a CARD SALE." Id. at LI 00019 (showing that the merchant electronically accepts the customer identifier).
17. The system of claim 10 wherein the means at the merchant processor further comprise means for accumulating the payments until a predetermined amount	"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10% Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise

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is reached and means for forwarding at least a portion of the accumulated payments to the third party.

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	<p>payable on demand. [Exposures] agrees that . . . Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS." See Promissory Note (showing that means for periodically forwarding payments exist in the Little system, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software). [FN/2] [FN/2] At this pre claim construction stage of the action, Defendant takes no position as to the appropriateness of the claim construction applied in AdvanceMe's Preliminary Infringement Contentions for Defendants ("Infringement Contentions") but note that under the approach in the Infringement Contentions, which equates periodic forwarding with accumulation to a pre-determined amount, the Little system anticipates this claim. would accumulate the payments until a predetermined amount was reached and then forward at least a portion of the accumulated payments. See Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (outlining specified daily and weekly payment amount).</p> <p>On information and belief, the means for accumulating the payments until a predetermined amount was reached and means for forwarding at least a portion of the accumulated payments was a modem and computer running appropriate software.</p>
<p>18. The system of claim 10 wherein the forwarding means at the merchant processor comprises means for periodically forwarding at least a portion of the payment to the third party.</p>	<p>Little would periodically forward at least a portion of the payment. See Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (outlining daily and weekly payment schedules). On information and belief, the means for performing this function was a modem and computer running appropriate software.</p> <p>"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] Museum Publications of America] to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10% . . . management fee to Little & Co., or order. MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS. . . ." See Promissory Note (showing that means for periodically forwarding payments exist in the Little system, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software Promissory Note at LI 00033 (showing that payments were periodically forwarded).</p>
<p>19. The system of claim 10 wherein the forwarding</p>	<p>Little forwarded an amount that is a percentage of the obligation. On information and belief,</p>

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means at the merchant processor comprises means for forwarding to the third party an amount that is a percentage of the obligation.

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the means for performing this function was a computer running appropriate software.
"In consideration of Little & Co. making advances for the account of [Exposures] to Postmaster, Atlanta, GA, [Exposures] Museum Publications of America] to United States Postal Service, [Museum Publications of America] agrees to pay on demand the Principal Amount of Advance plus accrued interest at 10%... management fee to Little & Co. or order MEMBER further agrees that all CHARGE CARD transactions from all divisions and subsidiaries will be processed by Little & Co. while any amount owed under this note is still outstanding. Notwithstanding that such amounts are otherwise payable on demand, [Exposures] MEMBER agrees that . . . (ii) the Daily Repayments shall be deducted from daily NET PROCEEDS...." -See
Promissory Note (showing that means for forwarding an amount that is a percentage of the obligation exist in the Little system, including, on information and belief, a computer running appropriate software)-at LI 00033 (showing that payments forwarded were in an amount that was a percentage of the obligation); see also Promissory Note Repayment Schedule at LI 00035 (outlining daily and weekly payment amount, all of which individually and collectively constituted a percentage of the merchant's total obligation).

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**TO AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL N. EDELMAN IN
SUPPORT OF ADVANCEME, INC.'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO AMEND INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS**

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Re: *AdvanceMe, Inc. v. RapidPay LLC, et al.* (No. 6:05-cv-00424) (E.D. Tex.);
AdvanceMe, Inc. v. AmeriMerchant, LLC (No. 6:06-CV-82) (E.D. Tex.).
Defendants' Amended and Second Amended Invalidity Contentions

Dear Hilary:

I write to inform you that Defendants in the above-referenced matters have violated the Patent Rules of the Eastern District of Texas by purporting to amend their Preliminary Invalidity Contentions without an order of the Court.

P.R. 3-7 provides:

Amendment or modification of the...Preliminary or Final Invalidity Contentions, other than as expressly provided in P.R. 3-6, may be made only by order of the Court, which shall be entered only upon a showing of good cause.

In the *RapidPay* matter, Defendants have twice purported to amend their Preliminary Invalidity Contentions without an order of the Court. On July 21, 2006, Defendants attempted to amend their Preliminary Invalidity Contentions by adding a number of alleged prior publication references to their Preliminary Infringement Contentions: (1) a credit card processing agreement among Electronic Data Systems Corporation, Reno Air, and First USA Merchant Services, (2) an article from *Forbes* magazine, and (3) a Promissory Note between Litle & Co. and Exposures, Inc.. On August 30, 2006, the *RapidPay* Defendants purported to amend their Preliminary Invalidity Contentions to include additional prior publication references with respect to Litle & Co., including (1) a Litle & Co. Member Agreement, (2) a Demand Promissory Note for Postage Advances between Museum Publications of America and Litle & Co., (3) a February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy. Since amendment of Defendants' Preliminary Invalidity Contentions can be made only by order of the Court, and since there is no order of the Court granting Defendants permission to amend their Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, these purported Amended and Second Amended Invalidity Contentions are of no legal effect.

Hilary Preston, Esq.
September 1, 2006
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In the *AmeriMerchant* matter, on August 30, 2006, Defendant purported to amend its Preliminary Invalidity Contentions to include prior publication references with respect to Litle & Co., including (1) a Litle & Co. Member Agreement, (2) a Demand Promissory Note for Postage Advances between Museum Publications of America and Litle & Co., (3) a February 17, 1994 Letter from Robert George to Michael Duffy. Again, since amendment of Defendant's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions can be made only by order of the Court, and since there is no order of the Court granting Defendant permission to amend its Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, its Amended Preliminary Invalidity Contentions are of no legal effect.

In light of the foregoing, please be advised that AdvanceMe will only be considering those contentions set forth in Merchant Money Tree, Inc., First Funds LLC, and Reach Financial, LLC's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, dated July 7, 2006, and AmeriMerchant, LLC's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, dated July 20, 2006.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Matz

for PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

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**TO AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL N. EDELMAN IN
SUPPORT OF ADVANCEME, INC.'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO AMEND INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS**

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Re: *AdvanceMe, Inc. v. Rapidpay LLC, et al.* (No. 6:05-cv-00424) (E.D. Tex.);
AdvanceMe, Inc. v. AmeriMerchant LLC (No. 6:06-cv-082) (E.D. Tex.)

Dear Michael:

We write to inform you that, after reviewing the transcript of Tim Litle's deposition, defendants AmeriMerchant, First Funds, Reach Financial and Merchant Money Tree have determined that they will seek leave to amend their invalidity contentions to include previously unknown facts that were revealed by Tim Litle's testimony. Specifically, the defendants will seek leave to amend the portion of their invalidity contentions relating to the Litle & Company prior art.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether AdvanceMe will oppose the defendants' motion for leave to amend their invalidity contentions to include the previously unknown facts revealed by Tim Litle's testimony.

Sincerely,



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